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The Honorable Michael R. Turner
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Turner:

Thank you for your June 22, 2017 letter regarding the status and timeline for remediating contamination at the Lammers Barrel Factory Site (the Site) in Beavercreek, Ohio.

As indicated in your letter, the Site is divided into two Operable Units—Operable Unit 1 (OU1), comprised of the Lammers Barrel Factory property, and Operable Unit 2 (OU2), comprised of the offsite contaminated groundwater plume. OU1 is currently in the Remedial Design (RD) and Remedial Action (RA) phase. The RD/RA phase was scheduled to commence in 2015, with a planned completion in the 2016-17 timeframe. EPA currently plans on completing the RD/RA phase in 2018. The delay is due to two developments during the implementation of RD at OU1: (1) EPA identified 1,4-dioxane in soil and groundwater, which required additional investigation to assure a successful remedy implementation; and 2) EPA revised its vapor intrusion (VI) investigation guidance and screening levels which required further VI evaluation at the Site. Please note that it is not unusual for Superfund cleanup timelines to be adjusted as additional issues are identified and data are assessed. EPA is working with the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) to resolve these two issues.

As your letter also notes, OU2 is currently in the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study phase, and a Record of Decision is planned for 2019. Public comment and community input will be solicited as part of the remedy selection process. The timeline for OU2 has changed because EPA, in consultation with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, concluded in 2015 that it did not have sufficient information to support the PRPs' assessment that the groundwater contamination at OU2 could be remedied via monitored natural attenuation (MNA) to meet groundwater cleanup goals within a reasonable timeframe. EPA and Ohio EPA determined that it is necessary to further study the viability of the MNA option given the persistence of vinyl chloride downgradient of the site. In the interim, EPA and Ohio EPA have worked with the PRPs to develop a groundwater monitoring plan designed to address the remaining concerns and the PRPs have agreed to implement it until a groundwater remedy has been selected and fully implemented. The groundwater monitoring data generated will be used to determine if MNA is the appropriate remedy for OU2.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann, the Region 5 Congressional Liaison, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Kaplan".

Robert A. Kaplan
Acting Regional Administrator